

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

FRIDAY, THE 1ST JUNE 2007 / 11TH JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 16363 of 2007(W)

PETITIONER:

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GENERAL ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES,  
ATHANI, THRIKKAKARA, COCHIN-682 030 REP.BY ITS  
PARTNER MR.GIJO GEORGE, AGED 31 YEARS,  
S/O.M.J.GEORGE.

BY ADV. SRI.V.J.MATHEW  
SRI.BIJISH B.TOM

RESPONDENTS:

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1. STATE OF KERALA REP.BY ITS  
CHIEF SECRETARY.
  2. DEPUTY TAHSILDAR (RR) KANAYANNOOR TALUK,  
ERNAKULAM, KOCHI-11.
  3. KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, JAL BHAVAN,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM REP.BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR.
  4. ASST.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
WATER SUPPLY SUB DIVISION, KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,  
KALAMASSERY 683104.
  5. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, WATER SUPPLY DIVISION,  
KOCHI-14.
  6. THE CHIEF ENGINEER, KERALA WATER  
AUTHORITY, KOCHI.

BY ADV. SHRI. M.DINESH, SC  
ADV. SMT.M.K.PUSHPALATHA, GOVERNMENT PLEADER

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION  
ON 01/06/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE  
FOLLOWING:

**C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR, J.**

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**WP(C) No. 16363 of 2007**  
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**Dated, this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2007**

**J U D G M E N T**

Since petitioner is disputing water bill, which according to the learned Standing Counsel for the Water Authority is arrears payable up to 2002 and since appeal is provided against the disputed water bill, this WP(C) is disposed of directing the petitioner to deposit Rs. 75,000/- towards arrears within three weeks from now. Petitioner will deposit the amount and will file appeal against the disputed water bill within two weeks thereafter. If appeal is filed as above the Executive Engineer, Water Authority will take up the same, call for the records and dispose of the appeal after hearing the petitioner within two months thereafter. Recovery proceedings will stand stayed for three weeks from now and if Rs. 75,000/- is paid, recovery proceedings will remain stayed for another three months thereafter. Recovery thereafter will be based on orders of the Executive Engineer in the appeal and the amount to be recovered will also in accordance with the order in appeal.

**(C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR, JUDGE.)**